

1. A nesting chair comprising:
2 a self supporting seat base comprising:
a first leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a
4 generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends
and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and
6 interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions,
a second leg member including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a
8 generally horizontal portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends
and opposite upper ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and
10 interconnecting the upper ends of the leg portions, and
at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the
12 generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the generally horizontal
portion of the second leg member,
14 wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse
member together form a self supporting base;
16 a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the seat base, the
seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;
18 a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end
connected to the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally
20 vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and
a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending
22 upwardly therefrom.

2. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transverse
2 member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back support bracket
being connected to both of the transverse members.

3. The nesting chair according to claim 2, wherein the pair of transverse
2 members are generally parallel to each other.

2 4. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal portions of
each of the leg members are bent inwardly toward each other such that a midportion of
each horizontal portion is inboard of the side edges of the seat cushion.

2 5. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the at least one transverse
member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

2 6. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the back support bracket
is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion
when leaned on.

2 7. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the first leg member of the
base is unitarily formed from a first continuous piece of tubing and the second leg
member is unitarily formed from the second continuous piece of tubing.

2 8. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the leg members are
symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the
leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the
4 central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling
outwardly away from the central plane.

2 9. The nesting chair according to claim 8, wherein the at least one transverse
member extends between the rear sections of the horizontal portions.

2 10. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the seat cushion defines a
generally horizontal plane, the seat base being entirely disposed below the horizontal
plane.

11. A nesting chair comprising:

2 a self supporting seat base comprising:
a first leg member formed from a first continuous piece of tubing and
4 including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal portion,
the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper ends, the
6 generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the upper
ends of the leg portions,
8 a second leg member formed from a second continuous piece of tubing
and including a front leg portion, a rear leg portion, and a generally horizontal
10 portion, the leg portions having lower floor contacting ends and opposite upper
ends, the generally horizontal portion extending between and interconnecting the
12 upper ends of the leg portions, and
at least one transverse member extending between and interconnecting the
14 generally horizontal portion of the first leg member and the generally horizontal
portion of the second leg member,
16 wherein the first and second leg members and the at least one transverse
member together form a self supporting base;
18 a seat cushion supported in a generally horizontal position by the chair base, the
seat cushion having a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of opposing side edges;
20 a generally L-shaped back support bracket having a first generally horizontal end
connected to the at least one transverse member of the base and a second generally
22 vertical end extending upwardly adjacent the rear edge of the seat cushion; and
a seat back connected to the second end of the back support bracket and extending
24 upwardly therefrom.

12. The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the at least one
2 transverse member comprises a pair of transverse members, the first end of the back
support bracket being connected to both of the transverse members.

13. The nesting chair according to claim 12, wherein the pair of transverse
2 members are generally parallel to each other.

14. The nesting chair according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal portions of
2 each of the leg members are bent inwardly toward each other such that a midportion of
each horizontal portion is inboard of the side edges of the seat cushion.

15. The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the at least one
2 transverse member is disposed forward of the rear edge of the seat cushion.

16. The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the back support bracket
2 is sufficiently flexible such that the seat back may flex with respect to the seat cushion
when leaned on.

17. The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the leg members are
2 symmetrically arranged on opposite sides of a central plane, the horizontal portions of the
leg members each including a rear section, a central region, and a front section, the
4 central regions being closest to the central plane with the front and rear sections angling
outwardly away from the central plane.

18. The nesting chair according to claim 17, wherein the at least one
2 transverse member extends between the rear sections of the horizontal portions.

19. The nesting chair according to claim 11, wherein the seat cushion defines
2 a generally horizontal plane, the seat base being entirely disposed below the horizontal
plane.